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## CALENDAR



**Mon., Feb. 10 - Open House.**  
Gov. Orville Freeman of Minnesota.  
Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

Freeman, who recently returned from a tour of the Pacific where he filed for UP, will discuss the "Middle West Views World Politics" with a panel of newsmen, to include Ansel Talbert, N.Y. Herald Tribune; John T. McAllister, Newsweek, and others.

Minnesota-born OPC members will be honored by having a Minnesota lake named after each. Those to be immortalized include Harrison Salisbury.

Menu for the dinner includes Minnesota wall-eyed lake pike, to be flown in by Northwest Airlines.

An advance press conference for working members will be held at 5:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** No Open House program Tuesday.

**Thurs., Feb. 13 - Luncheon. The Very Rev. James A. Pike. 12:30 p.m.**

Dean of St. John the Divine Cathedral since 1952, Dean Pike will speak on "Light on the Present Crisis from the Judaeo-Christian Tradition."

A former attorney, he is

author of numerous books and articles on federal, judicial and administrative procedure.

He was this week elected Episcopal Bishop of California.

A question and answer period will follow his address.

Reservations for members and guests, available now, are \$3.00.

**Thurs., Feb. 13 - Special Press Conference. Senator Richard Neuberger. Cocktails, 5:00 p.m. (See story, this page.)**

**Fri., Feb. 14 - Smith College Night. Reception, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:45 p.m. (See story, page 3.)**

**Tues., Feb. 18 - Regional Dinner: Australia. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. (See story, page 3.)**



REV. JAMES A. PIKE

## ENLARGED DATELINE PUBLICATION UNDERWAY; ADVERTISING GOAL SEEMS ASSURED, WRIGHT SAYS



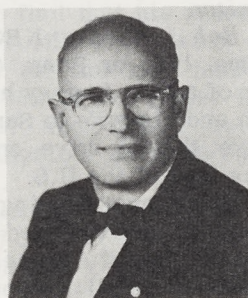
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### Newsman-Senator at OPC on Feb. 13

U.S. Senator Richard Neuberger (D., Ore.) will be guest of the Club at a special reception and press conference Feb. 13 at 5:00 p.m., Program Chairman Ansel E. Talbert has announced.

Neuberger, formerly with the *Portland Oregonian* and the *N.Y. Times*, is author of a number of books and a contributor to the *Saturday Evening Post*, *Reader's Digest*, *Collier's*, *Har-*



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per's, *The Reporter* and other magazines. He and his wife, Maurine, were the first husband-and-wife team in American history ever to be elected simultaneously to both houses of a State legislature.

The Senator, who believes that the future of democracy depends largely upon the degree to which newspapermen keep the electorate informed on public issues, will talk about "Politics and the Press."

*An important report from President Cecil Brown on the state of finances of the OPC is on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.*

*The report is made in conjunction with the study of the Budget Committee and the Committee on Planning and Development, to result in recommendations to the Board of Governors on the Club's financial condition.*

*Dateline*, annual publication of the OPC which made its debut in connection with the 1957 Awards Dinner, is rolling along at top speed. The *Dateline* Committee predicts an enlarged publication full of surprises for the 1958 Dinner, chairman Ben Wright announced this week.

Approximately twenty-five pages of advertising have been sold and the goal of thirty-eight pages appears assured. Accordingly, warns Wright, members whose companies have not already contracted for space should do so immediately. Deadline for plates requiring type set is Feb. 15; for completed plates Mar. 1. Page rates are \$250 for black and white pages and \$50 for second colors. These prices are not subject to agency commissions. All four color positions have been sold.

The editorial "package" for this year's *Dateline* will be built around a comprehensive questionnaire now being prepared for the committee by Elmo Roper & Associates. The questionnaire will be distributed to all members at home and abroad within two weeks. It probes into the business and professional as well as the personal lives of members in a serious but light manner and, of course, anonymity of responses will be maintained. Heading up this phase of the committee's activities has been William I. Nichols, editor and publisher of *This Week* magazine and Ernest Heyn, editor and vice president of the *American Weekly*.

In addition to Wright, Heyn and Nichols, the committee consists of Rex Smith, Lawton Carver, Murray Lewis, Richard Marshall, Arthur Milton, Joseph Ryle, Cornelius Ryan, Larry Newman, Matthew Bassity, Bernard Frazier and Wade Nichols.

LEWIS ON DINNER PR

Cornelius Ryan, chairman of the Annual Awards Dinner, announces the appointment of Murray Lewis to handle and coordinate the public relations for the Dinner.

Lewis will work closely with the Publicity Committee of the Club and with Art Milton, Comptroller for the Dinner.



## TIMES NEWS

Felix Belair, Jr., who left the *N.Y. Times* Washington bureau in August 1955 for assignment in Scandinavia, returned to the capital last month as White House correspondent.

His services in Washington were requested by Scotty Reston after Bill Lawrence, who had the White House beat, flew to the NATO Conference in Paris in December and then flew on to Algiers for temporary duty in North Africa.

When Lawrence returns to Washington in late spring he will cover politics, as he usually does during an election year. Until a new staff correspondent is named the Scandinavian countries will be covered by stringers.

With his return to the bureau, Belair resumes his spot as senior man on the Washington staff. His service started in 1929. He covered every news beat in Washington and was assistant Washington correspondent before he left for Stockholm.

After five years as *N.Y. Times* correspondent in Buenos Aires, Edward Morrow returns to New York for reassignment to the local staff. Morrow was a reporter in business news before he got his first foreign assignment in Germany - in 1946. He served in Poland and at SHAPE headquarters in Paris before moving to Argentina.

## WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

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## ROME

Dan Gilmore, UP United Kingdom manager in London, has been assigned as UP bureau chief in Rome. He replaces Julius B. Humi, who has been named business manager for Germany. Gilmore is a former Rome staffer for UP.

Humi was guest at a series of farewell parties here recently before he left to make an advance survey of his new territory. He'll return to Rome before making his final move to his Bonn headquarters.

Among those in Rome to give an eye to impending bureau changes was Roger Tartarian, former UP chief of bureau and now UP's general European news manager with offices in London.

Mortimer Belshaw, AP's photo chief in Rome, interrupted his home leave in California to enter the hospital for surgery. He's doing well and will return to Rome in a few weeks.

Recent visitors to Rome included Ed Stevens, Moscow correspondent for *Look*. He served here for several years as correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Bob Hecox, NBC photographer in Rome, left for Bonn, Germany, the first leg of a long journey home that will take him and his wife to San Francisco. From there they'll drive cross-country for a long look at the U.S.

The annual meeting of Rome's Foreign Press Club reelected veteran newsman Max Bergere of Agence France-Presse as president. Bill Pepper, Mediterranean correspondent for *Newsweek*, and Walter Guzzardi, *Time-Life*, were among members elected to the Club's council.

Frank Brutto

## ATHENS

Photographer Jim Whitmore and your correspondent make up a *Life* team to cover the Middle East with occasional trips to India and Africa. Whitmore covered the Baghdad Pact Conference in Ankara with Dodie Hamblin from the Rome bureau. Your correspondent missed it because of family illness.

Your correspondent made a quick trip to Cyprus last week and from the way things appear, the team will be heading back there soon. Our last joint effort was the Afro-Asian Conference in Cairo and before that, we spent three weeks in Amman, Jordan.



DAN GILMORE

In Cairo there was a fair gathering of U.S. reporters: Joe Alex Morris, Jr., *N.Y. Herald Tribune*; George Weller; Bill Long, Scripps-Howard; and Angelo Natale, AP.

Patrick David Malinowski Burke was born at the Alexandra Clinic, Athens, on Jan. 20. The happy parents, of course, are your correspondent and his wife.

Don Burke

## ZURICH

Andy Gregoriades, UP bureau chief in Switzerland, is now in charge of arranging the monthly Foreign Press Ass'n. luncheons. While the luncheons are not on a par with similar ones given by the foreign press in London and Paris, plans call for inviting on alternate occasions prominent public figures from the national and international scene to deal with topical situations. The new slogan is: "A news story with every luncheon."

Ted Kruglak, former dean of Journalism at Long Island University, at present in Rome on a Fulbright research fellowship, passed through town after a work-skiing stint in the Alps. He recently took over as American Books editor for the Int'l. Press Institute.

Bob Kroon, *Time-Life* correspondent in Switzerland, is fleeing the no-news doldrums in Geneva by nosing around ski-trails near St. Moritz in search of sunshine and likely pictures for his papers.

Joe Morgenstern, *N.Y. Times* Geneva correspondent, is packing for a long-delayed combination business and personal affairs trip to the States.

William A. Rutherford

## TAIPEI

Greg MacGregor, *N.Y. Times* correspondent for Southeast Asia, completed a two-weeks' newsgathering visit to the island, then left for Hongkong.

Geraldine Fitch

"SONG OF NORWAY"  
AT JONES BEACH

The Jones Beach Marine Theatre has announced plans for presentation of the musical "Song of Norway," for its thirtieth season which opens this summer.

The outdoor theatre presented "Showboat" during 1957, in which the OPC participated at its opening night.

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## PEOPLE & PLACES

A.E. Hotchner is back from two years in Rome where he handled *Saturday Evening Post* and *This Week* assignments and wrote *The Dangerous America* (Random House) among others...A Sylvania Award for outstanding TV public service to *Larry LeSueurs*' "UN in Action" (CBS)...*Dr. Herbert Pollack* in Hawaii this month, then off to Spain, studying medical problems of ethnic groups...Ex-Reuters reporter *Maurice Adams*, now New York correspondent for *Sydney Morning Herald*, lecturing in New Hampshire last week.

*Harry Schwartz*, N.Y. *Times* Soviet specialist, and *Gary MacEoin*, editor, *La Hacienda*, are guest lecturers at Brooklyn Adult Education Center...A series of stories on Poland, by *Stella Margold*, ran in the *Syracuse Herald-Journal* in January...*Harrison Salisbury* of N.Y. *Times* and *Judd L. Teller* participated recently in Dumont's study on "Plight of Soviet Jewry"...*Life's* *Eliot Elisofon* in Hollywood 'til spring as color consultant for Columbia Pictures.

*Redington Fiske*, editor, *Export Trade and Shipper*, now in Havana and heading for Puerto Rico gathering features...Doubleday Books shops report *George Goodman's A Time for Paris* is often described as "the book with the girl wearing the man's pajamas." Photog *Carl Perutz* is to blame.

*Charles A. Donnelly* in Brooklyn Hospital for surgery. No surgery yet. No other details received...February *Reader's Digest* has piece by *Henry Jordan* on the Soviet chief of secret police and foreign espionage apparatus, Gen. Ivan Serov...Current *Think* carries article by *Roland Gammon* on "Islam and its Prophet"...German gov't PR agents of *Roy Bernard* flying high: *Bernard Bittelson* back from London and Frankfurt and *Roy Blumenthal* off to Bonn...Hawthorn Books publishing, on March 7, *Whit Burnett's* new anthology, *The Spirit of Man*...Newly elected to Washington Gridiron Club: *Walter T. Ridder* of papers by same name.

Current *Playboy* has short story by *Bill Safire* on a bachelor's apartment...*Jewish Newsletter* is celebrating its tenth anniversary reports editor *Bill Zukerman*...The Founders Day Program of Wisconsin's Mass Communications Center found OPC founders on hand: Past President *Louis P. Lochner* spoke on "The Role of the Commentator," as did *Quincy Howe*, chairman. The Center was started in '35 with the acquisition of the *Hans V. Kaltenborn* papers...*Jess Bell*, American Telephone and Telegraph, back in Manhattan on the job after recuperating from surgery in New Jersey.

*David Shefrin*, CBS News, invited as

## "Down-Under" Delicacies For OPC on Feb. 18

The "Australia Night" of the Regional Dinners Committee on Feb. 18 will delight the palates of gourmets with the finest food and drink ever brought to New York from "down under."

The menu includes: Sydney rock oysters, kangaroo tail soup, king prawns, range-fed filets of beef, and the rare barramundi fish in white wine sauce. This tongue-tickling assortment was arranged by gourmet Consul General Sir Josiah Francis, through the Dep't. of Trade in Canberra and the Senior Australian Trade Commissioner, A.J. Day, in New York.

Qantas Airways is airlifting all these delicacies from Australia.

Selection of donated wines was aided by former foreign correspondent, Cellar-master Rudi Komon of the Sydney chapter of the London Wine & Food Society.

OPCers will taste Australian sherries during the cocktail hour, when cheddars and other *hors d'oeuvres* will be served. The dinner program will be announced at a later date. Assisting chairman *Larry Blochman* and the committee as vice chairman for the event is *George McCadden*, former UP and Hill & Knowlton chief in Sydney.

panelist at Bucknell University's annual Newsman's Conference Feb. 6-7...*Joe P. Faulkner* returned from a five-week vacation tour of Texas and Mexico - including a visit with Bill O'Dwyer in Mexico City - to find that his piece on John W. "Bet-A-Million" Gates has been scheduled for the May issue of *Coronet*...*Pat Michaels* has joined Bing Crosby's newest acquisition, station KFOX in Los Angeles, as news manager.

*Richard Tregaskis* is back at his Newport Beach home after a round-the-world trip for *Reader's Digest* and other magazines...*Ben Cohen* back at the UN after six weeks at his Chile home...Skiing together in Kitzbuehel, Austria, last month were *Frank* and *Audrey Bourgholtzer* (NBC News), *Martin* and *Edith Luray* (free-lance) and writer *Jane McIlvaine McClary* and her husband, Arctic explorer *Nelson McClary*...*Carol Weld* in Miami last month for Bicycle Institute Convention in Boca Raton...*Blackie Kronfeld* on a three-week photo assignment in the Caribbean for Pan Am.

*Mike Horton*, director of NBC's Dep't of Information was principal speaker at the dinner climaxing the convention of Ass'n. of Women in Radio and TV in Palm Beach last month.

*William C. Driscoll* was appointed by the National Ass'n. for Mental Health to handle the publicity for the organization's 1958 national campaign.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED

The Board of Governors announces the Annual Meeting for election of OPC officers and Board of Governors for 1958 will be held on Tues., Apr. 22.

At its meeting, on Feb. 3, the Board also approved the following as members of the Nominating Committee: *Louis Lochner*, chairman; *John Barkham*, vice chairman; *Emanuel Freedman*, *Grace Naismith*, *Ken Giniger*, *Ben Wright*, and *Kathleen McLaughlin*. Alternates are *William Gray* and *Ruth Lloyd*.

According to the By-Laws, the Nominating Committee must present its list of proposed candidates not less than nine weeks before the Annual Meeting - that is, by Feb. 18.

Next week's *Overseas Press Bulletin* will contain details of the election procedure.

## SMITH NIGHT FEB. 14

Seventeen Smith College students, all stringers on Northampton papers, will be guests of the OPC Feb. 14.

This is the first of several OPC projects aimed at helping colleges develop new journalistic talent.

OPC members will tell the girls the hard facts about their intended careers in newswriting in a program beginning with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and continuing with several panels and a dinner.

President *Cecil Brown* will preside at dinner and *Inez Robb* and Dean *Edward Barrett* will be among the speakers.

The four panel discussions, to begin at 6:45 p.m., include:

*Newspapers and News Agencies*: *Wm. C. Payette*, *T.P. Whitney*, *Emanuel Freedman*, *Ansel Talbert*, *Irene Kuhn*, *Wayne Richardson* and *Jim Kilgallen*;

*News Magazines and Sunday Supplements*: *Larry Newman*, *Jess Gorkin*, *A. Wilfred May*, *Wm. P. Gray*, *Jerry Cooke* and *Gertrude Samuels*;

*General Magazines*: *Grace Naismith*, *Cornelius Ryan*, *Larry Blochman* and *Will Oursler*;

*Radio and TV*: *Cecil Brown*, *Henry Cassidy*, *John Day*, *Ben Grauer*, *Al Perlmutter* and *John Luter*.

Among Smith guests will be *Bridgeport Herald* stringer *Jane Yolen*, daughter of OPC Secretary *Will Yolen*. Smith public relations director *Dudley Harmon* assisted the Open House and House Operations Committees in arranging the event.

## 25 YEARS . . .

Tokyo's *Yomiuri Shimbun* and INS jointly are celebrating a quarter of a century's service by the wire to the giant Japanese newspaper.

Fascinating counsel on man's eternal search for a woman is what the publisher calls *Fred Kerner's* new anthology *Love Is A Man's Affair*.



## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a truism that neither a club nor an individual can for too long a period go on spending more than is taken in, not unless a club or an individual has inexhaustible resources. The Overseas Press Club does not.

The periodic reports by Treasurer *Wilfred May* to the Board of Governors and the membership have shown what is still the situation, that we are spending more than we take in.

This continued condition prompts this report. I think it useful, and even essential, to submit to OPC members some observations on the Club's overall operations and financial problems in broad general terms.

This overall situation, including the matching of services, expenses and revenues, is about to be exhaustively reviewed by the Committee for Planning and Development. This committee is composed of current officers, past presidents and two members of the Board of Governors. It is meeting, in consultation with the Treasurer and the Budget Committee, not to bewail the present but to map remedial policies for the future.

### Fiscal Dilemmas

In advance of that group's findings, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss as candidly as possible a few of the fiscal dilemmas of the Club, as they usually appear to your officers.

We want precisely what you want, a fine Memorial Press Center, offering many and varied activities of interest to our members and promoting service to journalism. We want to maintain an excellent restaurant where it is a pleasure to lunch and dine on tasty food at reasonable prices. We want to provide a bar with good service and also drinks at moderate cost.

We want to publish a weekly bulletin as an essential medium of information for our domestic members and as a vital link with our members overseas.

An establishment of the size of OPC requires dining room, kitchen, house-keeping and office personnel. You have a right to feel that they are caring for your Club and providing required services adequately. All these services cost money. This year, the Treasurer and the chairman of the House Operations Committee, have set up an accurate cost accounting system so that we know what each service in the Club costs.

It should be understood that while the operation of a dining room and bar imposes a titanic burden on the officers and governors, but especially on the House Operations Committee, the dining room and bar are not a drain on the Club treasury. Generally, between the two, we usually break even, and the trend is toward a small profit.

Some \$13,000 was spent to re-decorate and renovate the dining room. The officers and governors felt, and still feel, that this was an essential capital expenditure on the showcase of the Club. Business has improved in the dining room as a result, and so has the satisfaction of members to be able to dine in much more pleasant surroundings.

### Capital Expenditure Not Problem

The capital expenditure is not the problem. True, it has reduced our assets by \$13,000 and our working capital is now down to \$85,000. In capital terms, we are in good shape. It is not chicken feed to have a working capital of \$85,000 in the bank, even though your Board of Governors has a resolution on the records to maintain this cushion at \$90,000.

The real problem is this: How to operate the Overseas Press Club on the basis of its net current income.

That is the purpose of the re-evaluation now going on. Of course, the continuous examination of every phase of the Club's activities shows the wisdom of always trying to pare expenses. But it also shows the need of increasing revenues.

Let me cite several examples:

This year, every committee had a hearing on its budget before the Budget Committee, headed by *Richard De Rochemont* and *Wilfred May*. Most committees were put on a self-liquidating basis, that is, a committee staging a function, a luncheon, reception, regional dinner, etc., had to be self-supporting. That could be determined because the House Operations Committee, under the diligent and extraordinarily hard-working chairmanship of *Larry Newman*, has figured what every meal costs.

Many committees are on a pay-for-yourself basis, but not all. Where self-support is not possible, a small budget has been provided.

The Bulletin Committee, whose function is to produce the weekly publication, has a big task. The committee, under the chairmanship of *John Wilhelm*, has done a superb job. We have a managing editor, Miss Barbara Bennett, a paid employee, for the simple reason that on a volunteer basis it is not possible to get sufficient help to be assured of meeting the weekly deadline.

The Overseas Press Bulletin costs the Club around \$20,000 a year out of pocket. *John Wilhelm*, in discussions before the Board of Governors — and *The Bulletin* is discussed at almost every Board meeting — has contended that ten dollars of each members dues should be allocated to *The Bulletin*, as a sort of subscription cost.

### Bookkeeping Operation

From *The Bulletin's* point of view, to apportion ten dollars of each member's dues to *The Bulletin*, would then show an "income" equal to expenses. But in reality, in over-all Club operations, that would be no more than a bookkeeping operation. It would satisfy the Bulletin Committee's budget picture of "breaking even" but it would still draw away from the Club treasury the same \$20,000 out of pocket.

*John Wilhelm* is working on plans to expand *The Bulletin's* advertising revenue. He hopes that a boost in advertising will produce a twelve page *Bulletin* with enough advertising to cover the entire cost of production. But that is a hazardous speculation. After long experience we have to deal with Bulletin matters as they are.

The essential facts are these: It costs the Club out of pocket about \$20,000 a year to provide *The Bulletin* to the members, and second, *The Bulletin* is a vital part of the Club's operations.

For the service of members, we also operate a Placement Bureau, which represents a substantial expense to the Club.

Another example of rising costs. Negotiations have been going on for some time with union employees in the dining room and the new labor contract will substantially increase the cost of operating the Club.

### Dinner and Dance

Now, to the Annual Awards Dinner and Dance, which is to be an outstanding affair. As you know, this year the tab on the Dinner for each member and one guest is to be \$17.50 per person. Additional guests and non-members will pay \$30.00. That is quite a boost from last year when the price was \$12.50 and \$20.00.

I could not begin to describe the committee meetings, the endless sessions and the soul-searchings that went into the decision on the price for this year's dinner. For the first time, this year we have a realistic cost accounting system on the Dinner-Dance. Last year we lost considerable money on the dinner, not because it failed to attract, it was sold out — but because the price was set without a real understanding of the costs.

*Cornelius Ryan*, the chairman both last year and this year, has figured his costs to the penny, or as near to the penny as it is possible to do with an event yet to be held. And, at the \$17.50-\$30.00 range, with 1,100 people attending, and if everything goes perfectly, we should be able to break even. We cannot afford to lose money on the Annual



Dinner. Neither can we afford to dip into the Club treasury in order to subsidize each person who attends the Dinner.

Anyone who has not gone over the Dinner Committee's budget with a fine tooth comb, as so many of us have, might be tempted to say, "I don't see why the dinner has to cost so much." But let me assure you that the Budget is what the dinner will cost, if we aim to put on the kind of annual affair that most members want and which does credit to the Club.

I have gone into such detail — and yet omitted equally pertinent circumstances — to show that this Club cannot operate on the present scale of expenses to provide what seem to be essential services, when those services are not supported by the present income.

#### Up To All of Us

It seems to me that all of us will have to decide whether we wish to maintain a dining room serving good quality food at reasonable prices, whether we wish to maintain a Placement Bureau, whether we can have any function that is not self-supporting, whether we wish to have a *Bulletin*, on a weekly, or monthly basis, or not at all.

While the continued effort is made to cut expenses, consideration has to be given to means of securing additional normal revenue. By normal, I mean regular, and not the extraordinary kind that might or might not flow to us from a TV program or special events.

One obvious source is to raise the annual dues by a substantial amount. A strong argument can be made in favor of such a raise, especially for New York members, on the basis of justice — namely, the amount of services and the number of facilities available to members at a cost of less than one dollar a week.

A strong argument can also be made that to raise dues might price some members out of the financial capacity for membership.

Naturally, efforts are continuously going on to increase the membership. But the record shows that while this will bridge the gap between outgo and income, it will not, in any sense, solve the problem.

I have reported in this vein because I feel the members should have some information on the nature of the problems being tackled by the officers, the Board of Governors, the Budget Committee, and the Committee for Planning and Development.

#### Not Hindrances

These observations are not to be construed as hindering in any way the liberty of the Budget Committee, the Planning and Development Committee or any other group in recommendations to the Board of Governors on how to deal with these matters. But it is evident to all the most concerned committees and

to the Board of Governors that a significant adjustment must be made in our operations to meet the financial facts.

This report has been made because I believe that the president should acquaint the members with the pertinent background.

This kind of a report is painful and probably quite unpopular, but realism in our Club's operations is necessary. If we all handle the operations of the Club in that spirit, the Overseas Press Club can grow stronger, sounder and more useful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecil Brown,  
President

#### DATELINE WASHINGTON

Within twenty-four hours after the announcement of John Horner's inaugural as president of the National Press Club, all tickets were sold.

Vice President Richard Nixon swore Jack in as president on Feb. 1 in the crowded ballroom.

OPC Past President John Daly was the master of ceremonies.

Esther van Waggoner Tufty attended the opening of the new Intercontinental Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Feb. 1. From there, she left for the Dominican Republic and Haiti and will return to the Nation's Capital on Feb. 9.

Jessie Stearns

#### EXAMINER ON TRUMAN

The remarks of former President Harry S. Truman on press freedom at the OPC on Jan. 13 were the subject of an editorial in the *American Examiner*.

*Examiner* editor Leo M. Glassman wrote, "...Mr. Truman's statement constitutes, in our judgement, the best editorial on freedom of the press that any paper could offer to the American people in this time of crisis."

#### DeCAPITE DIES

Michael De Capite, chief of the Central Editorial Services of the UN Department of Public Information, died in Mexico City on Jan. 21.

The death was the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Jan. 18 on the highway between Taxco and Mexico City.

#### SHANKE IN U.S.

Ed Shanke, AP London bureau, is in the U.S. on home leave. He is at present at his home in Milwaukee and will return to New York prior to returning to London on March 21.

Shanke has served the AP in Europe since before World War II.

Ralph Smith's *American Legion* and *Reader's Digest* article, "How to Beat the Homework Racket" in new booklet *Money Saving Ideas* by National Research Bureau.



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## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

The unveiling of the magnificent painting of our Founder President, Wythe Williams, was a magnificent, inspiring and historic occasion for the OPC.

And President Truman's presence lent the occasion the proper dignity and importance.

However, lest the artist and/or some of the newcomers to our ranks get the wrong idea from some of the remarks made during the course of the evening (and not, incidentally, by the always gracious Mr. Truman), Wythe Williams was NOT a Democrat, a "liberal" or an ADA partisan.

Wythe Williams was a Republican! And a close friend and loyal admirer of Herbert Hoover, as, I understand, is Mr. Truman. But even that is unimportant.

More important than Williams' politics is the fact that he was one of the best newsmen who ever battled the Quai D'orsay, hoisted a few at the Hotel de Crillon bar, or devised methods of besting newspapermen's eternal enemies—the auditors.

And to those of us who had the fortune of knowing him well, Wythe Williams was a wonderful human being; a loyal supporter of the OPC, without whose valiant efforts through the years there probably would be no OPC today.

It is too bad that for a few minutes at least someone at the unveiling didn't take the opportunity to tell a few yarns about Wythe—in the fascinating, often hilarious, way he used to spin them around the OPC bar about so many now-departed journalistic greats.

I'm sure Harry S. Truman wouldn't have minded a bit.

And perhaps it would have been nice to have introduced some of Wythe Williams' family to the audience—including his younger brother who was present.

Knowing Mr. Truman, I'm sure he would have preferred that to answering routine questions about how wicked the GOP is.

Victor Lasky

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed *The Overseas Press Bulletin* of Dec. 28 containing that admirable article on Ed Murrow's "See it Now" television program of Marion Anderson's tour of Southeast Asia.

Thank you for sending me the extra copies as I was anxious to forward them to the Foreign Office in London and also to our Embassy in Washington, in the thought that they would be interested not only in Ed Murrow's magnificent television program, but also in the pro-

paganda aspects of Marion Anderson's tour. It was, to my mind, the very essence of the best form of propaganda.

With renewed thanks.

C.B. Ormerod (Major)

Director, Public Relations  
British Information Services  
New York

Dear Editor,

You would think that a real live-wire group of newshounds like the OPC would notice when one of their veteran members gets appointed Moscow bureau chief for INS.

You would think that maybe they would put a little squib about it in *The Overseas Press Bulletin*.

You would also think they might change the address, since I have been here in Moscow since



SERGE FLIEGERS  
last July.

Anyway, here's my dough for the dues—and please ask whoever runs the addressing machine to cut a new stencil for me, with my new address.

Serge Fliegers

INS, Moscow

(Ed. Note: Done. Sorry we missed the hot news - INS didn't let us know.)

Serge Fliegers, a veteran foreign correspondent, had been attached to the INS Rome bureau since 1955. He travelled widely throughout the Middle East and was one of the INS correspondents who covered the Anglo-French attack on Egypt.

Prior to joining INS, Fliegers had extensive experience as a foreign correspondent and diplomatic reporter in Washington, Paris and other major capitals. He has been an accredited correspondent at the United Nations since 1945.)

### NATALE TO MOSCOW

Appointment of Angelo Natale to Moscow, where he will join AP chief of bureau Harold D. Milks and Roy Essoyan to make a three-man AP staff there, has been announced by the wire service.

Natale, at present in the Cairo bureau, joined AP as a traffic department messenger in 1942. He transferred to the news side in 1950 and since has had assignments in Newark and as correspondent in Atlantic City. He joined the foreign service in 1956.

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## Book Gets "Going Over" By OPC Panel of Experts



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Max Lerner, N.Y. Post columnist and author of *America As A Civilization*, as he addressed the OPC on Jan. 30.

Dr. Ernest Van den Haag, lecturer in social sciences at New York University and the New School, told the OPC at the book evening on Jan. 30, that Max Lerner's new book, *America As A Civilization*, reads as if it had been written "not by an individual but by a committee."

He also asserted that the reader seldom knew Lerner's position on a given issue, nor could one be sure of the author's opinion about many of the topics he discussed. Van den Haag said he doubted that America has developed a unique civilization, since her basic ideas are of European borrowings.

Dr. Van den Haag was one of three panelists, the others being OPC Vice President *Thomas Whitney* and *Henry La Cossitt*, who participated in the discussion of Lerner's book. As moderator of the panel, *John K.M. McCaffery* asked indulgence while he too expressed an opinion.

While Whitney and La Cossitt disagreed with many of the author's conclusions, they felt, nevertheless, that he had written a brilliant analysis of the U.S.

Lerner pointed out in reply to his critics that his book had been a number of years in the writing, that it was impossible for him to be an expert on all the topics discussed, and that competent scholars had advised him in many areas. The polarity of American life, he said, made any dogmatizing ridiculous.

This was the fourth Book Evening, and one of the best attended, organized by the Memorial Library Committee, under the co-chairmanship of *Anita Diamant Berke* and *Madeline D. Ross*.

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